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- On 8 February 1955, 2 lieutenant colonels and 6 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 2 lieutenant colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 4 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets and sedan and jeep with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed at the former Kreisgericht (district court) building on Schiessstatt Ring in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). The building was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Empty ammunition containers were piled up beside the earth-covered cellar rooms (sic) west of the garage which was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Two amphibious jeeps, 1 truck and 1 tank truck were parked in the area of the Eugen Kaserne. Thirty-eight soldiers were observed at drill with rifles in the area of the Rainer Kaserne where 11 trucks, 4 van-like motor vehicles and 2 tank trucks were parked. Another 26 motor vehicles were observed through open doors of the garages. Eighteen soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets who were supervised by a senior lieutenant wearing black-bordered black epaulets received physical training in the area of the Franz Josef Kaserne. The long-wire antennas and piles of telephone poles previously observed in this kaserne were still there. Van-like motor vehicle B 9-83-26, which was used as an ambulance, with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the former Altersheim (home for the aged) on Franz Binder Strasse. A medical corps major wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the former Truppenspital (military hospital) at the northeastern corner of the intersection of Corvinus Strasse and Muehlweg. Truck loaded with ration boxes, the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, truck with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and truck loaded with ration boxes and driven by a civilian were observed leaving or entering the former mill at 88 Wiener Strasse. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the Franz Josef Kaserne included van-like motor vehicle trucks, driving-school truck, jeep sedan all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and jeep with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets. The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Two tanks, 2 trucks and 4 van-like motor vehicles were observed in the area of Camp Spratzern. Sentries observed there wore red-bordered black epaulets. The aiming device representing a moving air target was still observed on the western edge of the camp area. Motor vehicles observed at the camp included van-like motor vehicles jeep sedan all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and van-like motor vehicle with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets. 1

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2. On 7 February 1955, 3 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets and 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed at the former Jaeger Kaserne in Eisenstadt (P 40/X 55). The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Motor vehicles which were observed entering or leaving the installation included trucks [redacted] and jeep [redacted] all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, van-like motor vehicle [redacted] and truck [redacted]. About 100 soldiers who were organized into minor groups which included several light machine gun squads and two 57-mm AT gun squads were observed in the large training area 3 kilometers east of the railroad station at field training which included the penetration of a trench position filled with straw dummies. At noon, 12 driving-school trucks, [redacted] were parked in front of the former building of the Landesregierung (district government). The building was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] and jeep [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were also parked at this site. After assembling in the area of the Kattnersiedlung (settlement), 45 soldiers whose service color was undetermined were led by a sergeant into one of the settlement buildings. The Kattnersiedlung was guarded by a sentry who wore blue-bordered black epaulets. Individual soldiers who wore black-bordered red, red-bordered black, and blue-bordered black epaulets moved about the area of the settlement. Truck [redacted] with a driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets left this site. 4
3. In the noon of 1 February 1955, a major and 3 captains, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and 66 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets and carried rifles and gas masks returned to the Auhof Kaserne northeast of Urfahr (N 40/V 60) from the training ground west of the installation. Commands and cheers had been heard from this area earlier. The radiators of 21 motor vehicles were observed under the sheds in the area of the installation in front of which 1 SU-76 SP gun, 3 trucks and 1 single-axle trailer with a canvas-covered mortar-like device were parked. Soldiers were observed working on the motor vehicles. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included truck [redacted] and sedan [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 5
1. [redacted] Comment. The reports from St. Pölten and Camp Spratzern indicate that the occupation of those places has remained unchanged. The use of the covered cellar rooms west of the garage west of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building as an ammunition dump has been mentioned in a previous report. [redacted] All motor-vehicle numbers mentioned in the present report belong to the 95th Gds Litz Rifle Div in St. Pölten.
2. [redacted] Comment. The observations made in Eisenstadt reveal no new information. The motor-vehicle [redacted] belong to this station.
3. [redacted] Comment. The Auhof Kaserne near Urfahr quarters the 20th Gds Litz Rifle Regt of the 95th Gds Litz Rifle Div. The motor-vehicle [redacted] mentioned in the present report also belong to this division.

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